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MEMORANDUM FROM THE UNITED STATES DELEGATIONconcerningRADIO RELAYS - ITEM 1520

The United States Government has further reviewed the proposals, rationale and viewpoints of other delegations as expressed in earlier discussions of Item 1520. In an effort to resolve the problems surrounding this item, the United States Delegation proposes the addition of the following note to Item 1520.

NOTE: The Committee agrees that the export of certain equipment for the transmission of TV broadcast programs might be justified under the following conditions:

- (a) The quantity and the technical details of the equipment are appropriate for the indicated TV broadcast relay installation; relay spares, components, etc., which are to be shipped with the initial equipment are held to an absolute minimum according to Free World practice; and the relay equipment is confined to stationary types, excluding embargoed telephone carrier or terminal equipment, which
 - (1) have been in use in the Free World for at least 5 years;
 - (2) do not exceed 6 mc/s video bandwidth;
 - (3) have a non-linear distortion of 1 percent or more;
 - (4) have a phase constant of 400 millimicroseconds or less for a bandwidth of 6 mc/s; and
 - (5) do not permit the possibility of simultaneous two-way connection.
- (b) Installation within the Bloc is to be effected or supervised by engineers from Free World firms who are fully briefed on the limitations and conditions under which the export of the equipment was authorized.
- (c) The installation is clearly for TV broadcast use, is in an area where the equipment is not likely to find strategic installation; and will assist transmission of TV programs from the Free World.
- (d) It can be determined that the equipment will remain at the indicated location.

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Where the above basic conditions are judged to be met by a proposed export, and governments believe the export to be warranted, the government will notify the case to the Committee with full details and justification. Governments are authorized to issue licenses for such exports if no objection or request for consultation is made within 8 working days of the issuance of the submitted document by the Secretariat. If within the indicated time limit an objection or request for consultation is made, the case should be brought to full discussion in the Committee. The cumulative effect of shipments will be an important factor in reviewing proposed exports. If at any stage in the effecting of the export or later servicing thereof, there develops an indication that the equipment has been directed to another location or to another use than that on which the justification was made, all shipments, installation or servicing arrangements should stop immediately.

It is the sincere hope of the United States Delegation that the above proposal will provide a satisfactory settlement. It is also to be hoped that such settlement of the problem will be immediately followed by a clear and common agreement as to the coverage and interpretation of the present exception clause of Item 1520.

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